tions of the schools and colleges are round the corner; and

(b) if so, whether Government propose to re-consider the decision?

THE MINISTER OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI H. K. L. BHAGAT): (a) With the rapid expansion of T.V network, the need to meet the requirement of growing number of T.V. viewers in different regions with varied tastes/interests has arisen. With this objective, Doordarshan has introduced a number of different type of feature films in a week for different target audience. However, the number of films telecast in a week has not been increased during this year. Telecast of films in the late night slot on Fridays has been suspended with effect from 26-2-89 to 16-4-89.

(b) No Sir.

**Import of edible oil**

2697. DR. YELAMANCHILI SIVAJI: Will the Minister of FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES be pleased to state:

(a) how much edible oil has been imported during the last three years, year-wise; and the amount of foreign exchange spent thereon alongwith the name of the importing agents; and

(b) what is the landed price and issue price of the edible oil?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES (SHRI D. L. BAITHA): (a) Edible oil is imported on Government account by the STC. In addition NDDB also imports edible oile on a commercial basis and has received imported edible oils also as gift. The quantity of oil imported during the last three years both by the STC and the NDDB including the erstwhile IDC (now a part of the NDDB) is as under:

| Year | By STC | | By NDDB/IDC | |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| | Qty. (in lakh Mts) | Foreign Exchange in crores of Rs. | Qty. (in lakh Mts) | Foreign Exchange in crores of Rs. |
| 1985-86 | 10.80 | 769.00 | 0.21 (gift) | .. |
| 1986-87 | 13.07 | 526.40 | 1.07 (gift) | .. |
| | | | 0.21 (coml) | 10.77 |
| 1987-88 | 19.67 | 947.77 | 0.32 (gift) | .. |
| | | | 0.25 (coml) | 11.89 |

(b) On the basis of the import made during the financial year 1988-89, the approximate landed cost for imports by STC is Rs. 11,468 per MT while that for the import by NDDB (commercial) is Rs. 10,532 per MT. The current issue prices of the oils imported by STC on Government account are as under:—

*For PDS*

| | |
|---|---|
| In bulk | Rs. 13,150 per MT |
| In 15 kg tins | Rs. 14,500 per MT |
| For Vanaspati Industry | Rs. 19,000 per MT |

The issue prices in respect of the oils imported by NDDB varied between Rs. 14,960 and Rs. 19,000 per MT for different types of oils.

**Lab-Land linkages for benefit of farmers**

2698. SHRI V. NARAYANSAMY: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Prime Minister stressed the need for lab-land linkages to be agricultural scientific invention to be used